

Appl. No.: 10/039,728
Amendment dated September 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, entry of the above claim amendments, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Initially, Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the Examiner's participation in the telephone conference on September 7, 2005, with Applicant's representative. Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's statement that upon cancellation of a number of claims sufficient such that the number of claims remaining in the application is no greater than the number of finally rejected claims, the Examiner would enter the claim amendments and consider the effects thereof on the allowability of the claims.

Claims 3, 19, and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the language of claim 19, and Applicants respectfully submit such claim amendment raises no issue of new matter. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-12, 14-18, 20-21, and 23 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit the pending claims raise no new issues of patentability and only are directed to subject matter indicated by the Office as being allowable in the Action of April 8, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments under 37 CFR 1.116 and an indication that these claims are allowable.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions in order to expedite examination of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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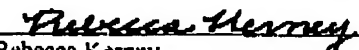
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